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TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Troop Training Grounds

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REFERENCES                     

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REMARKS                     

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1. At 7 p.m. on 25 January 1953, 12 pontoons without vehicles and four cranes were unloaded at the Templin railroad station.
2. On 31 January, source determined that the new construction at the forest sections Nos 255 and 254 were completed. The middle most building was a 2-story building while all other buildings were 3-story buildings covering an area of 50 x 12 meters. The guard details moved from the camp to the new quarters.                      other units were also quartered there. The forest road from the Vogelsang railroad station to the quarters was under repair and was surfaced with a mixture of broken bricks and ashes. Source learned that other buildings would be built north of the completed installations as soon as they were approved.
3. On 1 February, source learned that the camps on Grossvaeter See and Bebersee were vacated by Soviet troops. Source saw that the camps including all low wooden buildings were vacant and that the areas in the camps had been cleaned. On 7 February, source learned that firing of AT guns and other guns was heard in the Gross Doelln area during the nights of 3 and 4 February. A simulated infantry assault which terminated with the capture of the town was made during the night of 5 February. Source learned that the units involved went to Kannenberg and that the population of the town had received an order not to enter the roads of the town during the night of 5 February.
4. At 5:15 p.m. on 8 February, a column consisting of armored scout car                      and 12 trucks including five towing 37-mm AA guns was seen passing through Templin toward the summer camp. Most of the trucks were occupied by personnel. Some carried billeting equipment.
5. The guard personnel at the summer camp in Kannenberg who had previously been quartered in low wooden buildings were moved into two of the new barracks buildings northwest of Vogelsang. The occupation strength of the installations could not be determined. Tanks practiced cross-country driving in the training area and troops received firing training

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with rifles and mortars in the vicinity of Hammelspring prior to 11 February. No incoming or outgoing shipments were observed at the Vogelsang and Hammelspring railroad stations prior to 11 February. On 5 February, T-34 [redacted] and on 9 February T-34 tanks [redacted] and, on 11 February, T-34 [redacted]

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25X1X were seen entering and leaving the training area from 6 to 11 February.<sup>2</sup>

6. Between 6 and 9 p.m. on 8 February, 8 JS tanks and T-34 [redacted] at the Templin railroad station.<sup>2</sup> At 6 p.m. on 10 February, [redacted]

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and eight AA guns were also unloaded.<sup>2</sup>

1. Comment. According to [redacted] the new barracks buildings were built in the southern section of Camp Vogelsang. For sketch see annex. It is possible that the guard detail of Camp Kannenberg was also transferred into the new barracks installations. Other reports indicated that new barracks installations would also be built in the areas of Camp Kannenberg and Camp Hammelspring. [redacted]

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2. Comment. Observations by these sources confirmed that the combat firing as well as small scale exercises continued until 11 February. [redacted] they were conducted by units of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg and Prenzlau and of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] Corresponding observations at the home stations of these units supplement the present information.

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3. Comment. The motor vehicles loaded belong to rear services and/or the construction office in Frankfurt/Oder. They probably used trucks for shipment of materials for construction in the Templin training area.

4. Comment. The train mentioned carried units of the 32d AAA Div (US) which, according to transportation records, moved from Frankfurt/Oder to Templin with shipment record No 61301 on 14 February probably for firing. [redacted]

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Barracks Installations Northwest of Vogelsang

